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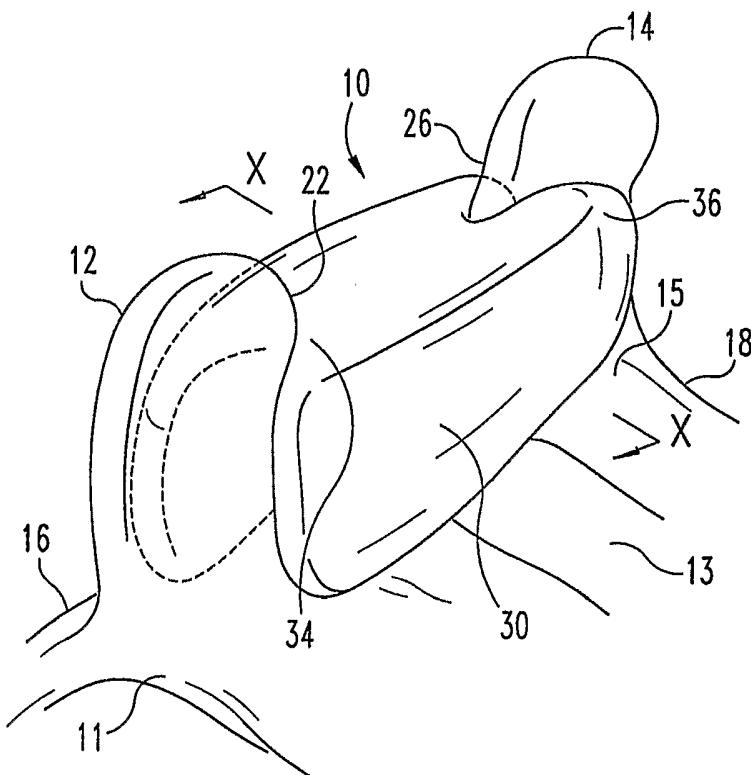
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(57) **Abstract:** A posterior spinal fixation device or dynamic spinal stabilization device or other orthopedic device includes an active agent-delivery component. The active agent-delivery component has an active agent impregnated therein or adsorbed thereon or otherwise contained therein and is configured to release the active agent locally after the device is implanted in a patient. One preferred type of implant in accordance with the invention is an implant for stabilizing a spinal motion segment that includes a spacer member (30, 132, 236, 432) positionable between adjacent spinous processes or transverse processes or other posterior spinal element, including an implanted anchor element (232, 234).

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